

**§ 10.464 Requirements for licenses as master of towing vessels.**

(a) If you would like to obtain a license as master of towing vessels endorsed with a route listed in column 1

of Table 10.464-1, then you must complete the service requirements indicated in columns 2 through 5. You may serve on the subordinate routes listed in column 6, without further endorsement.

**TABLE 10.464-1--REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE AS MASTER OF TOWING VESSELS<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> ROUTE ENDORSED	<sup>2</sup> TOTAL SERVICE <sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup> TOS <sup>3</sup> ON T/V AS MATE (PILOT)	<sup>4</sup> TOS <sup>3</sup> ON T/V AS MATE (PILOT) NOT AS HARBOR ASSIST	<sup>5</sup> TOS <sup>3</sup> ON PARTICULAR ROUTE	<sup>6</sup> SUB- ORDINATE ROUTE AUTHORIZED
(1) OCEANS (O)	48	18 of 48	12 of 18	3 of 18	NC, GL-I,
(2) NEAR- COASTAL (NC)	48	18 of 48	12 of 18	3 of 18	GL-I,
(3) GREAT LAKES- INLAND (GL-I)	48	18 of 48	12 of 18	3 of 18	
(4) WESTERN RIVERS (WR)	48	18 of 48	12 of 18	3 of 18	

<sup>1</sup> If you hold a license as master of towing vessels you may have an endorsement--as mate (pilot) of towing vessels for a route superior to your current route on which you have no operating experience--placed on your license after passing an examination for that additional route. After you complete 90 days of experience and complete a TOAR on that route, we will add it to your license as master of towing vessels and remove the one for mate (pilot) of towing vessels.

<sup>2</sup> Service is in months.

<sup>3</sup> TOS is time of service.

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(b) If you would like to obtain a license as master of towing vessels (limited), then you must complete the re-

quirements listed in columns 2 through 5 of Table 10.464–2.

TABLE 10.464-2—REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE AS MASTER OF TOWING VESSELS (LIMITED)

<sup>1</sup> ROUTE ENDORSEMENT	<sup>2</sup> TOTAL SERVICE <sup>1</sup>	<sup>3</sup> TOS <sup>2</sup> ON T/V AS LIMITED APPRENTICE MATE (STEERSMAN)	<sup>4</sup> TOAR <sup>3</sup> OR AN APPROVED COURSE	<sup>5</sup> TOS <sup>2</sup> ON PARTICULAR ROUTE
LIMITED LOCAL AREA (LLA)	36	18 of 36	YES	3 of 18

<sup>1</sup> Service is in months.

<sup>2</sup> TOS is time of service.

<sup>3</sup> Towing Officers' Assessment Record

(c) If you hold a license as mate (pilot) of towing vessels, you may have master of towing vessels (limited) added to your license for a limited local area within the scope of your current route.

(d) Before you serve as master of towing vessels on the Western rivers, you must possess 90 days of observation and training and have your license endorsed for Western Rivers.

(e) Each company must maintain evidence that every vessel it operates is under the direction and control of a licensed mariner with appropriate experience, including 30 days of observation and training on the intended route other than Western Rivers.

(f) If you hold a license as a master of inspected, self-propelled vessels of greater than 200 gross register tons, you may operate towing vessels within any restrictions on your license if you—

(1) Have 30 days of training and observation on towing vessels for the route being assessed, except as noted in paragraph (e) of this section; and

(2) Either—

(i) Hold a completed Towing Officer's Assessment Record (TOAR) described in § 10.304(h) that shows evidence of assessment of practical demonstration of skills; or

(ii) Complete an approved training course.

(3) Your license does not need a towing endorsement if you hold a TOAR or complete an approved training course.

(g) If you began your service or training in the towing industry before May 21, 2001, you may receive a license as

master of towing vessels if before May 21, 2004, you complete the examination required by 46 CFR 10.903(a)(18)(i) and meet either of the following two requirements:

(1) Three years of service, including—

(i) Two years on deck aboard a vessel 8 meters (26 feet) or more in length;

(ii) One year on deck aboard a towing vessel, with at least 6 months of training or duty in the wheelhouse of the towing vessel; and

(iii) Three months in each particular geographic area for which you are seeking authority; or

(2) Three years of service aboard towing vessels, including—

(i) One year on deck, with at least 6 months of training or duty in the wheelhouse of the towing vessel; and

(ii) Three months in each particular geographic area for which you are seeking authority.

Your license does not need a towing endorsement if you hold a TOAR or a course completion certificate.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: By USCG–2006–26202, 73 FR 52794, Sept. 11, 2008, § 10.464 was amended in paragraph (f) introductory text, by removing the words “inspected, self-propelled” and adding, in their place, the words “steam or motor”; and by revising paragraph (f)(1), effective Oct. 14, 2008. For the convenience of the user, the revised text is set forth as follows: